

Generalizations – Themes

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Question One Themes

The goal for the 2021-2022 school year is to open school in the fall as close to normal as possible. The District defines opening school as “normal as possible” operating in-person 5 days per week per the School Board approved academic calendar. Most, if not all children are in attendance in their classrooms. The District will follow a traditional 5-day per week schedule, and the remote learning option is limited to health-related issues; students with documented medical conditions that make in person attendance during high levels of COVID-19 transmission medically unsafe. This will be on an exception basis only. Do you support this goal? **354 – Yes; 37 – No; and 122 Blank**

- Virtual option made available for any family electing to do virtual
- Virtual option due to family member related illnesses
- Virtual option when student is not able to attend school
- No masks
- No Room/Zoom Open as normal

Question Two Themes

Until children ages 3-11 are vaccinated, which typically represents grades PK-8, it is prudent to maintain a mask mandate, as well as 3-foot distancing in classrooms and 6-foot distancing in cafeterias. Should vaccinations be allowed for this age group, this recommendation may be changed to reflect the same guidance offered for the high school. In PK-8, mask breaks will continue to be coordinated for students as needed. Do you support this aspect of the plan? **196 – Yes; 290 – No; 27 - Blank**

- No mask requirement – majority of the comments
- Voluntary mask wearing
- Vaccination – voluntary – parent choice (School cannot require)
- Social distancing not necessary
- Allow time for mask breaks

Question Three Themes

Since staff and all high school aged students have had the opportunity to be vaccinated, the District can consider eliminating the 6-foot social distancing in the cafeteria and lift the mask requirements throughout the school. Do you support this aspect of the plan **415-Yes; 42 – No; 56 – Blank**

- COVID-19 Variants – concern
- No masks
- Require masks
- Require masks during the flu season
- If there is a plan to add masks back in if there increase in cases
- Unvaccinated should be required to wear masks – adults and students
- Mask worn if infection rate rises
- Eliminate the six-foot distancing

- Science should determine distancing and masking
- Consider the transmission rates
- Contact tracing and quarantine plan
- Mandatory vaccines
- No social distancing anywhere
- Require proof of vaccinations
- Not until 70% are vaccinated

Question 4 Themes

The current recommendation is to continue classroom social distancing at 3-feet. This allows class sizes to return to the levels recommended in the District guidelines, and to fully accommodate an all-in return model. Currently, the District is using 3-foot social distancing as recommended by the CDC. Depending on CDC and other health guidelines the recommended social distancing may change. Three-foot social distancing allows us to accommodate class sizes in line with our maximum district guidelines. Do you support this aspect of the plan? **305 – Yes; 82 – No; Blank – 122**

- Eliminate the social distancing – return to the normal classroom arrangement
- Until all are vaccinated minimal basic requirement should remain in effect
- No sitting across from each other
- Classrooms with furniture cannot support the distancing
- Follow CDC guidelines
- Distancing in the classroom does not reflect the educational environment needs
- Not possible to maintain the three-foot distancing
- Vaccinations should eliminate the need for social distancing
- No masks

Question 5 Themes

5. Based on current guidelines, breakfast and lunch times should maintain 6-foot social distancing. Note that the lunch schedule impacts the entire instructional day as the number of lunches required increases when social distancing increases. Garrison School, Horne Street School, Woodman Park School, and Dover Middle School will require 6-foot social distancing due to the fact that the vaccine is not available yet for 3-11-year-olds. If this changes, the necessary adjustments will be made. Do you support this aspect of the plan? **231 – Yes; 152 – No; and 134 – blank**

- 3-foot distancing for lunch
- No 6-foot distancing at lunch
- Eliminate the social distancing – return to normal
- Do not decrease distancing until all are vaccinated
- Cannot enforce – do not have the rule
- Low transmission rates – rule not needed
- Like keeping the classroom lunch groups
- Staff availability to supervise
- Do outside lunches when weather permits – maintain the tents for lunches
- Practice good hygiene – handwashing

Question 6 Themes

At the PK-8 level, recess will need to be carefully planned given that there is no vaccine for this age group. At Garrison School, Horne Street School, Woodman Park School, and Dover Middle School this means keeping numbers manageable on the playground. Do you support this aspect of the plan? **219 – Yes; 160 – No; and 134 – Blanks**

- Not necessary – allow full recess – go back to normal
- CDC lifted the mandate
- Do normal unless there is increase cases
- Should be allowed to play together unmasked
- Separate section for students by parent request
- Have options for students outside playground – inside activities to lessen the numbers on the playground

Question 7 Themes

A full range of athletic programming for Dover Middle School and Dover High School is recommended. Individual activities may need to be adjusted to meet health and safety guidelines or NHIAA rules and procedures. The District will continue to monitor and to modify guidelines into the fall unless the pandemic is declared over, in which case, we would return to normal pre-pandemic rules. Do you support this aspect of the plan? **328 – Yes; 146 – No; and 137 – Blank**

- Return to normal – all should be allowed and performed
- Not vaccinated wear a mask
- No masks are worn during practice and games
- Outdoor sports should not have the same requirements as indoor sports
- What about clubs?
- Make academic a priority

Question 8 Themes

Large group school-sponsored gatherings outside of the school day (concerts, sports, events) will be allowed. All spectator attendees of indoor events must wear masks due to the likely variety of ages in attendance. Athletes and performers will follow the same practices as in their classes/practices related to the event. Do you support this aspect of the plan? **230 – Yes; 146 – No; and 137 – Blank**

- Sports follow the same guideline as the school – sports were a source of the outbreaks
- No masks
- Mask optional
- Require unvaccinated to wear a mask
- Athletes and performers should not wear a mask\No social distancing
- Hold events outside when possible
- Follow CDC guidelines
- Go back to normal
- If my child must follow restrictions during the day – same restrictions should apply to large group events

Question 9 Themes

Because the District has no ability to know who is vaccinated, visitors will be required to answer the Dover School District prescreening questionnaire prior to entering any school building and wear a mask while on school grounds. The District will follow the most recent guidelines for outdoor events. Do you support this aspect of the plan? **249 – Yes; 132 – No; and 132 – Blank**

- Not necessary
- Masking for those not vaccinated
- Allow mask to be optional
- No masks for outside events
- Should you require sharing vaccination card? Have visitors show vaccination cards
- Should not allow visitors
- Okay with prescreening questionnaire
- Mandate vaccinations
- No masks
- No vaccinations
- No questionnaires

Question 10 Themes

- Approve plan as indicated
- No restrictions – return to normal
- Make virtual school an option for those families electing to stay virtual
- Return to a normal school year
- No masking
- Require proof of vaccinations
- Get more feedback from teachers
- Continue to monitor spread
- No social distancing
- Follow the official guidance
- Follow the results of the survey
- Keep it simple. 1. No questionnaires. 2. Visitors and spectators always wear masks indoors. 3. No management of outdoor activities. 4. Establish and encourage individual choice to wear a mask and to be vaccinated, but do not require or ask.
- Consider the feedback provided
- The district should maintain mandatory masks for the youngest students until at least eight weeks after vaccines become available for that age group. This would give families a small but hopefully reasonable amount of time to complete the full vaccination schedule before the mask mandate is lifted.
- Other misc. items listed.